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STATUS INQUIRY

SIR:

Applicant respectfully requests information on the status of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/070,177, filed on June 19, 2002.

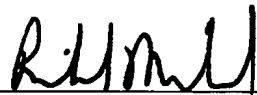
The last communication received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was the Official Filing Receipt and the Notice of Acceptance of Application both dated August 2, 2002 and no further communications or actions have been received to date.

Applicant therefore, respectfully solicits said status information on Application Serial No. 10/070,177, be provided to Applicant at an early date.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's representative at the phone number or address listed below to provide a status update on this application.

Applicant believes no fees are required with this inquiry, however, please charge any required fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

Respectfully submitted,

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